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Amendments to the Specification:

Replace the paragraph bridging pages 79-80 with the following paragraph:

An exposed light sensitive planographic printing plate precursor was processed employing an automatic developing machine as shown in Fig. 1, wherein pre-washing tank 1 was charged with 1 liter of each of the pre-washing solutions 1 to 10, a developer tank 2 with 9 liters of the developer described above, and a post-washing tank 3 with 3 liters of tap water. In Fig. 1, symbol "A" represents a pre-washing section, symbol "B" a development section, symbol "C" post-washing section, and symbol "T" a light sensitive planographic printing plate precursor transporting path. Numerical numbers 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 represent transporting rollers of the light sensitive planographic printing plate precursor, numerical number 16 represents a squeegee roller, numerical number 17 represents a brush for development, numerical numbers 18a and 18b represent

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spray nozzles, and numerical numbers 19a and 19b represent pumps. Symbols \*1 and \*1' are connected through a pipe, and a pre-washing solution in the pre-washing tank 1 is circulated through pump [[19]] 19a from \*1' to \*1. Symbols \*2 and \*2' are connected through a pipe, and a post-washing solution in the post-washing tank 3 is circulated through a pump 19b from \*2' to \*2.